GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1024
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BANK EROSION OF GANGA RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that a vast stretch of Indian land on Indo-Bangladesh border has been engulfed bycontinuous erosion and thus caused serious concern about the change of Indian border line with Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps the Government propose to take to check the unabated bank erosion of Ganga in the district of Murshidabad and West Bengal ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) No information from the State Government in this connection has been received, so far.

(c) The State Government of West Bengal as well as Farakka Barrage Project Authority are implementing various schemes suggested by the Expert Committees to take care of the problem. The Government of India has released an amount of Rs.17.88crore to Government of West Bengal as central assistance during IXth Planfor Anti Erosion schemes of West Bengal interaliacovering the district of Murshidabad also.